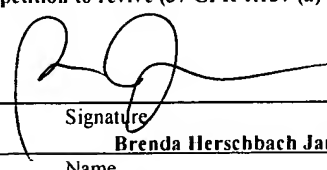


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2004117-0024 (NEMC-284 US)
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) To be assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/035929	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 29, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 20, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Prenatal Diagnosis Using Cell-Free Fetal DNA in Amniotic Fluid		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US D. Bianchi, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). Publication WO 2005/044086 A2 (110 pages, including front page) b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. (c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). 		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and Form PTO-1449 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment (3 pages) 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Cited Art (10 references) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report (7 pages) </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Express Mailing (1 page) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Postcard </div> </div> 		

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21. The following fees are submitted:				Applicant use	Office use only
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee..... \$100.00				\$ 100.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$500.00				\$500.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$125 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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110 - 100 =	10/50 =	0.2	x \$125.00	\$ 25.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				\$-	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	212 - 20 =	192	192 x \$25.00	\$4,800.00	
Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	1 x \$100.00	\$ 100.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Yes			\$180.00	\$ 180.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$5105.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ -	
SUBTOTAL =				\$5,605.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f))				\$ -	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$5,605.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ -	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$5,605.00	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing payment of filing fee in the amount of \$5,605.00 is enclosed (1 page).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-1721 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed					
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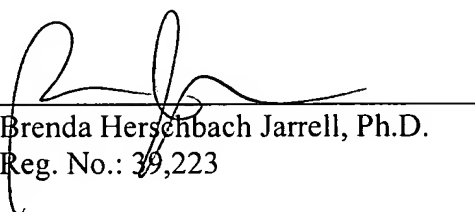
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